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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Randall Allen Vogel et al

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EXAMINER: Monique R. Jackson

FOR: Multilayer, Co-Extruded, Ionomeric Decorative Surfacing

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed 01/10/2007, applicants submit amended claims beginning at page 2.

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The amendment corrects the 112 oversights and places the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the amendment be entered.

Also submitted is a Rule 131 declaration antedating the Smith reference that was reapplied by the examiner for the rejection. The submission of the declaration is necessary because the examiner reapplied Smith reference for the final rejection. Applicants therefore request that the declaration be considered.

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